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Applicant's attorney would like to inform the Examiner of co-pending Application Number 10/519,282, which contains similar subject matter. References Takeda U.S. Patent Application Number 6,898,163 and Ushiyama et al U.S. Patent Application Number 2002/0176338 have been cited in co-pending Application Number 10/519,282 and are brought to the Examiner's attention in order to provide full and complete disclosure.

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